

City of Choctaw
Special Choctaw Economic Development Authority Meeting
April 29, 2020 @ 4:30pm
Choctaw City Hall, 2500 N. Choctaw Rd.
Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020

In accordance with Senate bill 661, which temporarily modified the Open Meeting Act as approved by Governor Stitt on March 18, 2020, the Choctaw Economic Development Authority will host a virtual meeting option until the State of Emergency is lifted. Please join us using either option.

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call.**
3. **Business Agenda:** The following items are hereby designated for discussion and consideration which requires individual action.
 - 3.1 The status of the Veterans Memorial and fund activity to include the bank account, receivables and payables, construction, proposed improvements, etc.
 - 3.2 The status of economic development activities to include but not limited to the Markets at Choctaw, TIF District, EOC Partnership, and the Downtown Project.
 - 3.3 City Manager Vision and Focus for CEDA.
 - 3.4 Consideration and possible action on the appointment of members to the CEDA Board.

4. Consent Agenda: The following items are hereby designated for routine approval, acceptance or acknowledgment by one motion, subject to any conditions included therein. If any item does not meet with the approval of all members, that item will be heard in regular order.

4.1 Regular Minutes for 02-26-20

5. Trustee Remarks: This item is listed to provide an opportunity for the trustees and/or staff to make comments and/or request specific agenda items. No action will be taken.

6. Adjournment:

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Amanda Valent, City Clerk

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City of Choctaw
Regular Choctaw Economic Development Authority Meeting
February 26, 2020 @ 4:30pm
Choctaw Creek Golf Course, 2200 N Hiwassee
Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020

MINUTES

1. Call to Order **Chairman @ 4:30 p.m.**
2. Roll Call:
 - 7 **Present: Ron Bradshaw; Jim McCharen; Mike Turek; Trent Smith; Luke Martin; Butch Freeman; Alex Lancaster**
 - 0 **Absent: None**

 - Staff: Ed Brown, City Manager**
Amanda Valent, City Clerk
3. **Business Agenda:** The following items are hereby designated for discussion and consideration which requires individual action.
 - 3.4 Consideration and possible action on the appointment of members to the CEDA Board.

MOTION by Mike Turek, SECOND by Jim McCharen to approve the appointment of Matt DeToy to the CEDA Board.

MOTION CARRIED:

- 7 **Ayes: Bradshaw; McCharen; Turek; Smith; Martin; Freeman; Lancaster**
- 0 **Nays: None**
- 0 **Absent: None**

- 3.1 The status of the Veterans Memorial and fund activity to include the bank account, receivables and payables, construction, proposed improvements, etc.

Board members discussed the desire for an outside organization to manage and operate the Veterans Memorial. The board will continue to monitor the bank account and log interested people for brick sales until an outside organization steps in.

- 3.2 The status of economic development activities to include but not limited to the Markets at Choctaw, TIF District, EOC Partnership and the Downtown Project.

DOWNTOWN BUILDING – The City met with a private developer last week. The intent of the downtown building is to provide space for local businesses on the first floor, office space on the second floor and residential living on the third floor. The TIF note will be paid off in 2023. At that point the money will be generated back into the City’s general fund.

MARKETS AT CHOCTAW - Sooner is about ready to turn the building over to Starbucks. Starbucks then has 90 days to train staff. Tentative open date end of May beginning of June. The Best Western Hotel has the third floor up and the project is picking up pace. Possible September open date.

- 3.3 City Manager Vision and Focus for CEDA.

City Manager Brown expressed his desire to have a liaison designating specifically for CEDA and work on economic development within Choctaw. His vision would be a staff member to work economic development day to day creating items such as a land bank that would be useful when attracting industry or new business to Choctaw.

4. Consent Agenda: The following items are hereby designated for routine approval, acceptance or acknowledgment by one motion, subject to any conditions included therein. If any item does not meet with the approval of all members, that item will be heard in regular order.

4.1 Special Minutes for 01-29-2020.

MOTION by Alex Lancaster, SECOND by Trent Smith to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED:

7 Ayes: Bradshaw; McCharen; Turek; Smith; Martin; Freeman; Lancaster

0 Nays: None

0 Absent: None

5. Trustee Remarks: This item is listed to provide an opportunity for the trustees and/or staff to make comments and/or request specific agenda items. No action will be taken.

The board discussed a retreat in the future to focus on strategic planning and goal setting. A date for a retreat will be set at a later meeting.

**6. Adjournment:
Called @ 5:32 p.m.**

CHOCTAW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Jim McCharen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Amanda Valent, City Clerk